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REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are pending in this application.

Claims 1, 11, and 14 are amended.

Claims 21-23 are cancelled.

Applicants request that the Examiner cancel Claims 21-23.

Applicants have amended Claim 1 to more specifically claim the invention as accommodating a data format conversion, including the conversion of at least one of: "(a) volume structure, (b) file structure, and (c) navigation data, compliant with said first data format into at least one of, (a) a different volume structure, (b) a different file structure, and (c) different navigation data comprising said navigation data field, compliant with said second data format." Support for the amendment is found in the specification on page 3, lines 29-32, page 10, lines 17-30, page 11, lines 8-33, Fig. 7, and in other places.

Applicants have also amended Claims 11 and 14 to recite the claimed feature of, "wherein the packetized data comprises at least one of: navigation data related to the sequence of individual images and file structure information." This amendment is related to the invention converting one format of data to a second format of data wherein navigational data or file structure information is used as part of the conversion. Support for these amendments is found in the specification on page 3, lines 29-32, page 10, lines 17-30, page 11, lines 8-33, Fig. 7, and in other places.

I. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1-12, and 14-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Maruyama et al. (U.S. Patent #6,385,389, hereafter Maruyama). Applicants disagree with this ground of rejection.

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Applicants' Claim 1 provides features that are neither disclosed nor suggested by Seidman, namely:

"... providing said encoded packetized data and said pre-formed navigation data field as an output in said second data format, wherein, said data format conversion converts at least one of, (a) volume structure, (b) file structure, and (c) navigation data, compliant with said first data format into at least one of, (a) a different volume structure, (b) a different file structure, and (c) different navigation data comprising said navigation data field, compliant with said second data format."

These features are described in Applicants' specification on page 3, lines 29-32, page 10, lines 17-30, page 11, lines 8-33, Fig. 7, and in other places.

In particular, the Applicants note that Maruyama neither discloses nor suggests the features of amended Claim 1 defining the type of data format conversion as converting one specific attribute related to the sequence of pictures to a different format. More specifically, Maruyama does not disclose or suggest the operation of converting from one data format to a second data format, in the manner suggested by the Applicant's invention. Fig. 3 only reveals one type of data format, which is not converted to a second data format.

Applicants also note the Maruyama does not disclose or suggest the claimed features of amended Claim 11 and 14 of converting from one data format where, "packetized data comprises at least one of: navigation data related to the sequence of individual images and file structure information," is used to assist in the conversion. Specifically either the navigational data format or file structure is converted from one data format to a second data format in both Claims 11 and 14.

The Examiner in the rejection uses AV Input, as from a VCR, to anticipate the features of Claims 11 and 14 as disclosing the operation of converting data between a first and a second format. Applicants note that with the Amended Claims 11 and 14, either navigational data or a file structure associated with the data that is

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converted. The example recited by the Examiner of an AV input does not have navigational data or a file structure associated with it. Furthermore, the conversion of a file structure or navigational data from one format to a second different format is not suggested or disclosed in either Maruyama, or by the Examiner in the recited example.

For the reasons given above, Independent Claims 1, 11 and 14 are believed to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), and Applicants request that the rejection of Claims 1, 11, and 14 be withdrawn. Applicants also believe that Claims 2-10, 12, and 15-20 overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), for the forgoing reasons cited for Claims 1, 11 and 14, and Applicants request that the rejection be withdrawn.

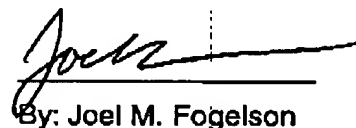
II. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claim 13 rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Maruyama et al. in view of Yamauchi et al. (US Pat No. 6,381,398, hereafter Yamauchi). The Applicants disagree with this ground of rejection.

For the reasons given above for Claim 1, Claim 13 is believed to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), and Applicants request that the rejection of Claim 13 be withdrawn.

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